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TO : Chief, SE

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FROM : C

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— OBHUNT

SPECIFIC— 0 Status Report on Agent Standbys, 15 September - 14 October 1954

REF: SCAA-11776, 24 September 1954

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Headquarters' Action Required:

None - for information and files.

Synopsis:

No outstanding developments during this report period.

1. There are seven OBHUNT agent standbys in addition to Cash.

W/T Standbys: J. Quinn KULLA C

2. AIFUMP was summoned to Athens on the 29th of September and given the monthly living allowance for himself, AIRWAY and AIRBLOWN. He reported that all was well with his group but C received the distinct impression that the morale of the boys had declined during their stay in Khalkis.

Agent Standbys:

3. AIRWISE and AIRBORNE were contacted ten times during the period. On the 5th of October, AIRWISE reported with a very sore throat and a slight fever. He was administered to by C and regained his health within a week. AIRBORNE reported with a bad cold on the 11th of October but is now back in good health. Save the bullet wound he acquired last year, he has never had any complaint about his health before. He is certainly our hardest agent.

4. During a routine contact with C on 6 October, AIRWISE stated that he knew the route from Slimitsa to Korce by way of the Morava mountain range. He stated that he could get to within a kilometer of Korce town through dense forest without difficulty. This information was of particular significance as we were anxious to mount AICOOL this fall but needed a guide for him as he does not know any secure routes to Korce town. We are now in the process of developing

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the SATURDAY mission using AIRWISE, AIRBORNE and AICCOL. If our efforts succeed, the activities of these agents will be discussed in SATURDAY Mission reports rather than in this agent standby report in the future.

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5. *FNORDAIN and AIRSLACK were contacted nine times during the period. FNORDAIN's area knowledge was explored again in connection with the planning for SATURDAY. It seems there is relatively little of Korce that he knows really well. In the days of WILLOW team he relied on his team members to guide him most of the time. He does not seem to know any areas except those through which WILLOW and FIG traveled.

6. FNORDAIN reported himself and AIRSLACK as being in good health throughout the period. They are still residing in an Athens hotel.

Comment:

7. We have been dissatisfied with the management of our agent standbys for some time but lack of personnel here has prevented us from taking any serious steps to improve the situation. With the return of [] we will now be able to conduct a thorough review of the problem during the winter months. [] will address himself to the problems of holding, payment and evaluation of agent personnel and in so doing will certainly take into consideration the suggestions made by [] in SGAW-5533, 29 July 1954 and SGAW-5983, 9 September 1954. [] is taking over the responsibility for agent standbys as of this date and will prepare the reports on this subject in the future.

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